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SUBJECT: GIEREK VISIT TO PORTUGAL

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1. THE POLISH CENTRAL PRESS ANNOUNCED JANUARY 14 THAT, AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMES, GIEREK WOULD MAKE A BRIEF VISIT TO LISBON JANUARY 17 ON HIS RETURN TRIP FROM HAVANA. A NORMALLY WELL-INFORMED POLISH TELEVISION SOURCE TOLD US THAT GIEREK'S STOP IN LISBON WOULD BE FOR NO MORE THAN SIX HOURS.

2. A WELL PLACED POLISH RADIO SOURCE TOLD US THAT GIEREK WOULD TAKE UP RFE AND THE GLORIA TRANSMITTER FACILITY WITH THE PORTUGUESE.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH GIEREK CAN BE EXPECTED TO INDICATE THE STRONG OBJECTIONS OF HIS GOVERNMENT TO THE PORTUGUESE PERMITTING RFE TO TRANSMIT FROM PORTUGAL, THE POLES HAVE LITTLE VISIBLE LEVERAGE NOW THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND AMBASSADORS EXCHANGED. THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO REFER THE PORTUGUESE TO THE EXAMPLE OF THE FRG, WHICH HAS WEATHERED
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